



2003 UNIFORM ELECTION DATES

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION 2003 FILING SCHEDULE FOR REPORTS DUE IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS HELD ON UNIFORM ELECTION DATES

This is a filing schedule for reports to be filed in connection with elections held on uniform election dates (in February, May, September, and November). Examples of elections held on uniform election dates are elections for school board positions and city offices. The uniform election dates in 2003 are February 1, May 3, September 13, and November 4.

Candidates and officeholders must file semiannual reports (due on January 15, 2003, and July 15, 2003). In addition, a candidate who has an opponent on the ballot in an election held on a uniform election date must file two pre-election reports (unless the candidate has elected modified reporting).

The campaign treasurer of a political committee that is involved in an election held on a uniform election date must also file pre-election reports (unless the committee is a general-purpose political committee that files monthly or a specific-purpose political committee that files on the modified reporting schedule). This schedule sets out the due dates for pre-election reports in connection with elections on uniform election dates. Please consult the 2003 REGULAR FILING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE COMMITTEES AND SPECIFIC-PURPOSE COMMITTEES for a complete listing of committee deadlines.

Candidates for and officeholders in local offices regularly filled at the general election for state and county officers (the November election in even-numbered years) should use the 2003 FILING SCHEDULE FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR.

EXPLANATION OF THE FILING SCHEDULE CHART

COLUMN I: REPORT DUE DATE - This is the date by which the report must be filed. The deadline for filing a report is 5 p.m. on the due date. If the due date for a report falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report is due on the next regular business day. This schedule shows the extended deadline, where applicable.

A report transmitted to the Texas Ethics Commission by modem or Internet is considered timely filed if it is transmitted by the filing deadline. Other reports are considered timely filed if they are hand-delivered to the filing authority or deposited with the U.S. Post Office or a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid by the filing deadline.

COLUMN II: TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES) - This column gives the report type and explains which reporting form to use and which filers are required to file the report.

COLUMN III: BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the beginning date of the time period covered by the report. Use the latest one of the applicable dates. The "date of campaign treasurer appointment" is the beginning date only for the *first* report filed after filing a campaign treasurer appointment. For officeholders recently appointed to an elective office, the beginning date for the first report will be the date the officeholder took office, provided that he or she was not already filing as an officeholder or candidate at the time of the appointment.

NOTE: If you are ever confused about the beginning date for a required report, remember this rule: **There should never be gaps between reporting periods and, generally, there should not be overlaps.**

COLUMN IV: ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED - This column sets out the ending date of the time period covered by the report. The report must include reportable activity occurring on the ending date.

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DUE DATE	TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 1, 2003 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE			
Thursday, January 2, 2003	30th day before the February 1, 2003, election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the February 1 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the February 1 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the February 1 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	December 23, 2002
Wednesday, January 15, 2003	January semiannual [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$500 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)	July 1, 2002 <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	December 31, 2002
Wednesday, January 15, 2003	Annual report of unexpended contributions [FORM C/OH-UC] (certain former candidates and former officeholders)	January 1, 2002 <u>or</u> the day after the date the final report was filed	December 31, 2002
NOTE: A political committee must file pre-election reports if the committee accepts contributions or makes expenditures in connection with <u>the</u> election. The campaign treasurer of a political committee may be required to file 30-day and 8-day pre-election reports in connection with elections not listed on this schedule.			

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Friday, January 24, 2003	<p>8th day before the February 1, 2003, election</p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the February 1 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the February 1 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the February 1 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p>	<p>January 1, 2003 <i>or</i></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended</p>	January 22, 2003
REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 3, 2003 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE			
Thursday, April 3, 2003	<p>30th day before the May 3, 2003, election</p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 3 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the May 3 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 3 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p>	<p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment <i>or</i></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended</p>	March 24, 2003
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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 3, 2003 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE			
Friday, April 25, 2003	8th day before May 3, 2003, election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 3 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the May 3 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report," or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 3 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	March 25, 2003 <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	April 23, 2003
Tuesday, July 15, 2003	July semiannual [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$500 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)	January 1, 2003 <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	June 30, 2003
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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2003 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE			
Thursday, August 14, 2003	30th day before the September 13, 2003, election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the September 13 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the September 13 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the September 13 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	August 4, 2003
Friday, September 5, 2003	8th day before the September 13, 2003, election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the September 13 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the September 13 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report," or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the September 13 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	August 5, 2003 <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	September 3, 2003
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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER 4, 2003 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE			
Monday, October 6, 2003 <i>Deadline has been extended because regular deadline falls on a Sunday.</i>	30th day before the November 4, 2003, election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 4 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the November 4 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 4 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	July 1, 2003 <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	September 25, 2003
Monday, October 27, 2003	8th day before the November 4, 2003, election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 4 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the November 4 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report," or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 4 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	September 26, 2003 <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	October 25, 2003
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REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2004 UNIFORM ELECTION DATE			
Thursday, January 8, 2004	30th day before the February 7, 2004, election [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the February 7 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the February 7 election) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the February 7 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	December 29, 2003
Thursday, January 15, 2004	January semiannual [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$500 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period) [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs) [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)	July 1, 2003 <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended	December 31, 2003
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Friday, January 30, 2004	<p>8th day before the February 7, 2004, election</p> <p>[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the February 7 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p> <p>[FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report” or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the February 7 election)</p> <p>[FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that filed a “30th Day Before Election Report,” or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the February 7 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)</p>	<p>January 1, 2004 <u>or</u></p> <p>the date of campaign treasurer appointment <u>or</u></p> <p>the day after the date the last report ended</p>	January 28, 2004
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